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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 4 to 6 and 8 remain in the application.

Reconsideration of re-examination on the basis of the claims as amended and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The claims of the application have been amended to specify that the roast lifter is formed from one continuous string or cord interwoven to form a net with the plurality of apertures for the body and that the string is then utilized to form the handles of the roast lifter. These amendments are supported in the disclosure in page 3 and in the figures which illustrate the roast lifter formed from one continuous string or cord interwoven to form the netting.

US Patent 3,292,831 to Moen describes a sling for use in roasting turkeys made of flexible cord or string. As described in column 2, beginning on line 31, the sling consists of a number of different pieces of cord of different lengths. The opposite ends of the cord are tied together by a knot. Additional cord members extend transversely and attach at spaced locations to this first set of cord members through the use of individual knots. In contrast, the present invention provides for a roast lifter formed from a single piece of string or cord interwoven to form a net with a plurality of apertures to support the roast and loops at opposite peripheral edges of the net to form handles for lifting. It is respectfully submitted that this is not suggested or taught in the cited patent to Moen et al.

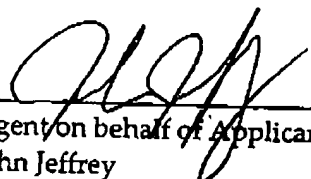
The Examiner had objected to former Claims 3, 5 and 8 as being unpatentable over Moen in view of Schneider citing Schneider as teaching a method of preparing foul involving wrapping the meat with butcher's twine. However, the combination of Moen and Schneider does not teach or suggest a roast lifter formed from one continuous piece of string interwoven to form a net with a plurality of apertures and handle to opposing peripheral edges of the net.

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In view of all of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that the application is allowable and early allowance is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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